Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Even independent of the survey, is there any objection in the Government's collecting statistics on the subject?

President.—That is not a request for information.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Do the Government intend to collect statistics independent of the survey?

President.—That is not a supplementary question.

Permission to outsider to experiment clay works in Stone ware Factory.

272. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether permission was given to an outsider to experiment clay works in the Government Stoneware Factory at Chalakkudi; if so, on what terms and what has he done hitherto?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— Mr. Whatmore, F. R. S. A., late Ceramic expert of Messrs. Parry & Co., constructed an experimental kiln at the Chalakkudi Potteries and is conducting experiments with glazing of jars.

There are no conditions attached to it. If his experiments are successful, the question of retaining him on the staff of the Potteries will be considered.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar—How long is it.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—2½ months.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Has he made any experiment?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The experiments have not been quite satisfactory. He is trying for a third time.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Does the Government give him any monetary help?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No, we pay for the labour.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—What more do you propose to do?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Continue our own work.

Tramway—transport charges for timber.

273. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the rate of transport charges of logs in pair of trucks Teak, Rosewood, Junglewood, etc.;

(b) the rate per candy for transport of scantlings of the above species?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—(a) Teak and Rosewood—Re. 0—3—6 per candy per mile. Junglewood—Re. 0—2—6 per candy per mile.

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(b) Same rates as in the case of logs.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—What is the charge from Parambikulam to Chalakkudi—the whole distance?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—Rs. 10—11—0.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—What is the maximum capacity of a bogey in candies?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—It is the trucks and not for the bogey.

Public School for Mattancheri—Steps for.

274. **Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the progress so far made in the matter of giving the public of Mattancheri the benefit of having a public High school open to all classes at Mattancheri ?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—The question was considered, but had to be dropped for the time being, as it involved a heavy outlay.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Will the Government be pleased to say what heavy outlay it will come to?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—Rs. 75,000.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Is it for completing the whole school or initial expenses?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—The land may cost Rs. 20,000 and 30 to 50 thousand for the building.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Whether the Government think that it is a waste for Mattancheri?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—I do not think it is a waste. The land was once acquired but as a result of popular agitation it had to be given up. Subsequently the land acquisition came to about Rs. 10,000.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Whether the Government had any correspondence regarding this with the authorities of the T. D. school?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—I want notice to be exact.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Whether the Government are aware that they had appointed a committee to approve the site for a public school at Mattancheri?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—To be exact, I want notice.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Whether the Government are aware that the T. D. School building is not able to accommodate the present strength?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—Government are aware.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Whether the Government are aware that the building has got big cracks and it may fall down and cause accidents on the students?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—It is likely.

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